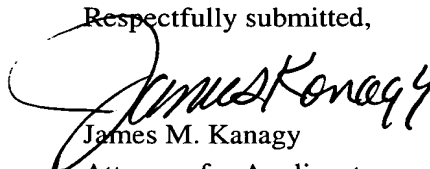


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/011814 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Claims 1-9, 12-25, 28, 29, 31-36, 38-41, 43, 45, 47, 48, 56, 62, 68-71 have been amended to comply with proper US formatting. Claims 52-55, 61, 63-67, 72-74 have been cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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